

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action of July 16, 2001, is believed fully responsive to each objection and rejection raised therein. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

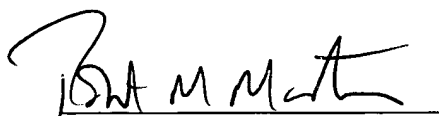
As a preliminary matter, the Examiner has objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure for being more than one page, more than 15 lines, and having more than 150 words. A corrected Abstract is attached hereto and is presented to the Examiner for approval. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 are pending and stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 3, 4, and 16 of co-pending application No. 09/129,883. Without addressing the merits of the provisional rejection, Applicant hereby files a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate this provisional rejection.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the case is in condition for immediate allowance. Should any other issues remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone exchange listed below.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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APPENDIX
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE:

The abstract is changed as follows:

A multi-piece solid golf ball is provided which is improved in spin, feeling, and durability, prevents its trajectory from rising or dropping, and offers an increased flight distance.

~~A~~ The multi-piece solid golf ball ~~comprising~~ includes a solid core and a cover of two inner and outer layers surrounding the core ~~wherein the~~. The outer cover layer has a surface formed with a plurality of dimples ~~is characterized in that a~~. A product of the Shore D hardness of the inner cover layer multiplied by the Shore D hardness of the outer cover layer and a portion V_R (%) of the total of the volumes of dimple spaces each defined below a plane circumscribed by the dimple edge to the overall volume of a phantom sphere given on the assumption that the golf ball surface is free of dimples ~~satisfy any one of the following combination (1) to (5):~~ fall within predetermined ranges.

(1) ~~the product of Shore D hardnesses of inner and outer cover layers: 1,500 to less than 2,000~~

V_R : ~~0.90 to 0.95%~~

(2) ~~the product of Shore D hardnesses of inner and outer cover layers: 2,000 to less than 2,500~~

V_R : ~~0.75 to 0.95%~~

(3) ~~the product of Shore D hardnesses of inner and outer cover layers : 2,500 to less than 3,000~~

V_R : ~~0.70 to 0.95%~~

(4) ~~the product of Shore D hardnesses of inner and outer cover layers: 3,000 to less than 3,500~~

V_R : ~~0.65 to 0.95%~~

(5) ~~the product of Shore D hardnesses of inner and outer cover layers: 3,500 to 4,000~~

V_R : ~~0.60 to 0.90%~~

~~and the dimples include at least three types of dimples which are different in at least one of the diameter, a depth and a value V_0 which is volume of one dimple space defined below a plane~~

~~circumscribed by the dimple edge divided by the volume of a cylinder whose bottom is the plane
and whose height is the maximum depth of the dimple from the bottom.~~